

## A FARMER'S TALK TO FARMERS.

The Air is Full of the Signs of Spring—The Way Spring Opens on the Farm—An Early Start Not Always Wise—Experience is a Good Teacher—The Satisfaction of Knowing—Give Advice When Asked—Superior Wisdom Should be Coked Up.

(Written Specially for The Bulletin.)

This is a mighty good time for all us farmers to get a good deal of patience. The air is full of signs of spring. But spring isn't here yet, and won't be for some little time. We now facing the worst five or six weeks of the countryman's year. The sun is getting well to the north and it shines, but it is warm and genial. It will beam on you like a fairy godmother for two or three days, and then go on a walk behind a week's storm. Then out it will come again, and you'll wander around without gloves and begin to think that your coat would feel better against your limb. Next morning you'll wake up to see six inches of sloppy snow all over the landscape. One day, the south wind will come, and you'll be glad to see it, and then, but right after the northwest corner of Saskatchewan will come a blast one part ice, one part snow, and all three parts zero.

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## COLUMBIA.

Special Town Meeting to Investigate Town's Right to Road—Mr. Porter Will Take Civil Service Examinations.

A special town meeting has been called for this (Saturday) afternoon at 1 o'clock to hear and act upon the report of a committee appointed last fall to investigate and ascertain the rights of the town in a certain piece of road running through the property owned by Miss Irene Dixon on the northwest corner of Columbia lake. The road in question is a part of the old Hartford and Norwich turnpike, and since the lake was formed more than forty years ago has been the only public approach to the lake from that side. Miss Dixon has recently caused to be erected a stone wall across the road where it enters the lake, thus shutting out the public from reaching the lake for obtaining ice or for other purposes. As the road is in question is part of a public highway, and has never been discontinued, our citizens feel that the still have a right to use it when necessary, and there seems to be a very general feeling that the town should retain the right to use the road. Much interest is manifested in the matter and the meeting no doubt will be largely attended.

Matters of Interest.

H. W. Porter, who is putting in a quantity of new shelving in his store, thus adding much to its general appearance and convenience. Mr. Porter is also putting in a new stove examination to be held at Willimantic March 27 as a candidate for the position of contractor in this place.

Fish stories are still popular here. This one is from Miss Grace Sawyer of Brooklyn, N. Y., one of our popular writers. While out boating on the lake a pickerel of respectable size leaped from the water into the boat, and landed on the lap of one of the party. The fish was much to the surprise of the occupants of the boat, and the pickerel, too. This rather brief West's story.

Miss Edith Little of Meriden spent a few days with relatives in town recently. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clarke are to move from their present tenement the middle of April and will occupy a part of the house owned by Mrs. John G. Mitchell, north of Columbia green.

Joseph's hospital, Willimantic, for some time, is improving. Mr. and Mrs. Hattie Whipple of Middlefield visited at E. A. Raymond's last week. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Kue of Boston visited the family of Mr. and Mrs. C. Kue, a few days last week.

Hebron grange met at the hall last evening. Mr. Hutchins returned home last week from spending a few days with his brother and family in Princeton, Mass. They have an excellent location both on account of Mrs. Hutchinson's health and from a business point of view.

Mr. S. Brown will move soon to the Latham place. Mr. R. Gilbert has leased the farm of his parents for seven years. Miss Jennie House has gone to Boston to visit her mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. Deane Hunt.

Oscar Bartholomew has rented the Welles place for the ensuing year. Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Foote were in Colchester last Saturday.

Obituary Notes.

Dennis Keefe died last week Friday at his home at the age of 75. Burial was at the cemetery.

Jonathan M. Wood died Monday morning at the age of 85. The funeral was held at his home on Wednesday at 10 o'clock. Burial was in Rhode Island.

Mrs. Melissa Post died Tuesday morning at her home at the age of 75. The funeral was held Thursday at her residence. Burial was in Manchester.

CHESTNUT HILL.

Local Men Favor Bill at Hartford Hearing—Measures to Be Considered at Special Town Meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Frink were in Hartford Thursday attending the funeral of Mrs. Melissa Post.

An Important Hearing.

William A. Collins, G. A. Champion and L. E. Winter were at the capital in Hartford on Thursday. Mr. Leonard attended the hearing on the bill concerning contagious diseases of animals before the agricultural committee.

Ice is still being harvested in this locality and a fair quality is procured. The church service is called for today (Saturday) to listen to a report of the committee appointed to investigate the matter relating to approaches to the lake. The matter is also being considered. A special town meeting usually develops interesting features, and this one is no exception. In relation to the purchase of a new saw.

MASHAPUA.

D. M. Newell has had his left hand bandaged from a bad and deep cut. Peter Thompson is indisposed, the result of a severe fall on the ice. H. R. Brown is recovering from a sprained ankle.

F. A. Moore is doctoring a horse that was badly hurt and cut by a fall on the ice while drawing an ice plow. Merrick Vinton is hauling lumber from Bigelow Hollow for Turner Bros. last week. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee are spending a fortnight in Boston.

GURLEYVILLE.

Richard Mason is at St. Joseph's hospital, Willimantic, receiving treatment for an injured hand. Mrs. Paul Langer is also at the same hospital.

Communication was observed at the church service at Hartford from Mrs. Sarah Stoughton Hanks.

Mrs. Norman Stoughton from Hartford has been a guest of Mrs. Sarah Stoughton Hanks.

Mrs. H. B. Simonds was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Bertha Bradley, in New Britain recently.

Mrs. Charles Dodge entertained her nephew, Bert Simonds, from Middlebury, a friend from Willimantic, last Sunday.

Rev. F. Chamberlain and Mrs. Chamberlain were South Coventry visitors last week Wednesday.

The ladies held their dollar social Wednesday evening at the conference hall, drawing a small audience, but several dollars were added to the carpet fund.

John Wrens and Mrs. Ida Smith entertained a company with music, violin and organ.

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